

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

SUSAN TRAURIG, *on behalf of herself
and all others similarly situated,*

Plaintiff,

vs.

RICE ENERGY, INC., DANIEL J. RICE
III, DANIEL J. RICE IV, TOBY Z. RICE,
JAMES W. CHRISTMAS, ROBERT F.
VAGT, JOHN F. MCCARTNEY, and
KATHRYN J. JACKSON,

Defendants.

Civil Case No: 2:17-cv-01072-NBF

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WHEREAS, on August 15, 2017, Plaintiff Susan Taurig (“Taurig”) filed a Class Action Complaint for Violation of Sections 14(a) and 20(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Securities Exchange Act”) against defendants Rice Energy, Inc., Robert F. Vagt, Daniel J. Rice, IV, Toby Z. Rice, Daniel J. Rice, III, Kathryn J. Jackson, James W. Christmas, and John McCartney (collectively, “Defendants”) relating to the proposed merger between Rice Energy, Inc. and EQT Corporation (the “Proposed Merger”) (“Taurig Action”) in this Court;

WHEREAS, two additional actions¹ have been filed in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware that also allege claims for violation of the Securities Exchange Act relating to the Proposed Merger, against identical defendants as in the Taurig Action (the “Delaware Actions”);

¹ *Gordon v. Rice Energy, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:17-cv-01067-UNA (D. Del.); *Boerger v. Rice Energy, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 1:17-cv-01127-UNA (D. Del.)

WHEREAS, two additional actions² have been filed in the United States District Court for the Western District of Pennsylvania that also allege claims for violation of the Securities Exchange Act relating to the Proposed Merger, against substantially identical defendants³ as in the Traurig Action (together with the Traurig Action, the “Pennsylvania Actions”);

WHEREAS, the parties agree that the Delaware Actions and the Pennsylvania Actions (collectively, the “Actions”) are subject to the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act (“PSLRA”), and a lead plaintiff/lead counsel structure governing the Actions has not been designated pursuant to the PSLRA;

WHEREAS, Traurig and the Defendants agree that Defendants shall not be required to respond to any pending complaint in the Traurig Action unless and until the designation of a lead plaintiff/lead counsel structure governing the Actions pursuant to the PSLRA.

IT IS HEREBY stipulated by the parties to stay any pre-trial deadlines that may apply in the Traurig Action pending consolidation of the Pennsylvania Actions and coordination with the Delaware Actions and designation of a lead plaintiff/lead counsel structure governing the Actions, or until such time as an order is entered in the Traurig Action governing further proceedings, as agreed to by Traurig and Defendants or ordered by this Court.

² *Wilson v. Rice Energy, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 2:17-cv-01054-NBF (W.D. Pa.); *Assad v. Rice Energy, Inc., et al.*, Case No. 2:17-cv-01019-NBF (W.D. Pa.).

³ In addition to Defendants, the other Pennsylvania Actions assert claims against EQT Corporation and Eagle Merger Sub I, Inc.

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